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Hello,

I am concerned that the draft for the Portland Harbor clean up is proposing a partial rather than full clean up, and is proposing an overly long time frame for doing the work. Even though we warn people currently not to eat fish in the lower Willamette, people still do. We should work quickly to make the river cleaner so the fish can be eaten without harm.

Many of the polluting companies have HUGE amounts of money (Chevron, for example) and should be asked to pay to fully clean up the river. Just waiting for Mother Nature to purify the impurities is ridiculous; that won't happen for thousands of years. We need to take action now, even though it will be expensive. (And think about the cost of leaving the Harbor polluted... that costs us money in lost resources, lost human health, etc.)

Portland Audubon, a group with great integrity, recommends that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river. These sediments should be taken to a landfill that can contain them, so they are not leaching into our waters.

I hope the EPA can live up to its name -- Environmental Protection Agency -- and not become just another pawn in the pockets of the corporations that got us into this mess in the first place. After all, our health (yes, yours and mine) depends on the health of the environment. If the environment is sick, we too will become sick.

Thanks for considering this.

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